

# Guided Visitation To The African Burial Ground At The John Dickinson Plantation

(DOVER, Del. – Aug. 23, 2021) – The [John Dickinson Plantation](#) is offering the opportunity to visit the African burial ground and engage with guides about the complex history of the site. The burial ground is believed to be the final resting place for enslaved and free Black men, women and children who died on the plantation. The guided visitations will reflect on the historical context and archaeological research surrounding this significant piece of Delaware's shared history.



View, from the John Dickinson Plantation's log'd dwelling, looking across agricultural fields to the location of the African burial ground.

**Guided visitations will be available on the following days at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.:**

Sept. 17, 21, 24, 25 and 28

Oct. 1, 2, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 23, 26 and 29

Nov. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 and 20

The 1 ½ hour experience will include an orientation in the visitor center, a tour of the recreated log'd dwelling and a mile round-trip walk to the burial ground, which will include a moment of silence.

Due to limited capacity, reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 302-739-3277.

For the safety of guests and staff, the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#) reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event due to inclement and/or dangerous

weather conditions.

A majority of the activities will take place outdoors. Participants must be prepared for adverse weather conditions and for travel, by foot, over uneven terrain including an unpaved road and an agricultural field. The wearing of appropriate clothing is advised including a hat, closed-toed shoes with good tread such as sneakers or boots, long pants and clothing that accounts for current weather conditions and the presence of insects. Visitors are also advised to bring their own insect repellent and sunscreen.



Stakes mark the location of the African burial ground in a field at the John Dickinson Plantation.

The burial ground was found on March 9, 2021 on the property of the John Dickinson Plantation located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Del. Answers to some of the frequently asked questions about the burial ground are available [on the John Dickinson Plantation website](#). Additional information can be found in the podcast, "[African Americans on the John Dickinson Plantation](#)."

These guided visitations are conducted as part of the division's mission to share the stories of the lives of the Black families who lived, labored and died on the plantation.



Log'd dwelling at the John Dickinson Plantation. The building is a recreation of the type of housing inhabited by enslaved people at the plantation as well as tenants and indentured servants. The site's mansion house is in the background.

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